

London, June 27th - 1851. 4. Spring Garden,
Saturday, Friday

My dear Mr. May.

I fear that the Inquiries of the 7th instth
& that of the 14th will reach you at the sameth
time. A letter posted from here upon the 13th
will probably reach you in due course:
the Imp. (intended to be sent with the letter)
was too late: I found out, for the first time,
that newspapers from London, must be
posted earlier than letters.

However, my daughter's & my letter of the
13th would inform you of the unexpected suc-
cess of our Unitⁿ A.S. Meeting. The Imp.
I send to day, has a tolerable report of the
speeches: unluckily we had no reporter
present, & Mr. Phillips & Mr. Solley had to
work hard, collect the speeches from the
parties & put them together as best they
could. R. Carpenter reported his own
words, & left out what I will add in
a note, which if re-printed, may be added
I am leaving a rather better report got
out from the type of the Imp. article, & hope
to send you one next week: perhaps it may be

will to wait for that account before any
speeches are inserted in the Lib? &c. ^{in the tract.} The
Resolutions too will be in full there.

You will see a snappish letter of Dr. Corn-
wallis in the "H" now sent. We
have however had a great triumph, & our
"Leading Minister" will find that they
will not be able to stop the agitation
of the ~~agitation~~ "exciting topic" among the London
Unit? much less ^{among the} in the Provinces.

All this comes from the defeat at Bridgewater,
but there seemed 19 chances ⁱⁿ to 20 against
us having even a respectable meeting
in London. If any comment be made
on our proceedings in the Lib? I wish
it may be pointed out how Dr. Cornwallis
proposed Resolutions, (which however had
no favour,) showed a door for endorsing the
anti slavery cause of Dr. Dewey & Dr.
Gannett, & any other pro-slavery man. Dr. C. cannot see this.
Poor R. C. had not a word to reply
when I quoted from Gannett's Thanksgiving
sermon to show the value of his Anti-
Slavery as set forth by R. C. in his ges-
tation from Dr. J. J. Discourse. R. C.
his want of tact & common sense is

in thus bringing it forward, surprised me &
But all R.C. says on this subject is childish.
The Crafts have spoken very plainly to him.

It was a wonderful delight to us to have
Northampton & her party, not only in full
sympathy with us, but actual witnesses
of our words.

The Crafts, I rejoice to say, are settled
in at some school of Lady Wyvern's for
Lord Lancelot's) at Ockham, near Ripley,
^(this is their address.)
Tarrey. There are two schools one for

boys the other for girls, about 25 in each.
All pay for board: the pupils are the
children of tenants, or of persons in
reduced circumstances. Two ladies

living near (the Miss Lushingtons,
daughters of Dr Lushington an eminent
civilian,) look after the schools. The
Crafts will have their instruction in
the private rooms, & will give what
help they can in teaching manual
work, superintending &c. My daughter
& I accompanied them to this remote village,

about 30 miles from London, as they were very
anxious we should. He had much con-
versation with the Huf, & the teachers, &
made them thoroughly understand the
peculiar circumstances of their new
scholars. I am sure that, will meet with
much kindness & consideration there.

I have procured the Am. Magazine
(£16 a year for each,) & am certain of col-
lecting it.

It was however rather a nervous aff-
to get them there, — not Ellen, for her good
sense & feeling were always for the scholar
but Craft. He, with many excellent qual-
ties, — good temper & good principle, — is very
unpersuadable, & from the notice taken of
him, has got an amusing idea of his position
in this country. He took rather expensive
lodgings here, contrary to Brown's recom-
mendation, expecting, I believe, that Charles
Dickens, & many distinguished persons
would call upon him. Of course, none but
the friends who knew him elsewhere went to
him. He visited the schools first, & was
sadly disappointed at the pupils being
children not grown people. He visited of
schools in London hoping not to leave the

2/ Perhaps too, but all was vain. I did not in-
terfere with his plans, (as far as I knew of
them, for he is very close & confidential;) when
he was compelled to ask my advice, I then
showed him he had no alternative but
accepting Lady Byron's kind offer for
which he ought to be thankful. He did
not like going to the schools as a "pauper,"
yet he was unwilling to give any of his
own money to help out the an. & payment!
On that score, I was aware of no difficulty,
as I told him the money was forthcoming
without any from him. What he has,
I do not know, - I don't believe Ellen
knows. Happily Mr Chapman came in
while Crast & I were discussing the pec-
uniary part of the transaction, & did
much ⁱⁿ impressing upon him the importance
of not delaying for a day obtaining education,
(he evidently wanted to get a little more
money first by going about with the pauperizing
& Brown next Cent. Comm., & thus putting off
the schooling.) Brown offered to pay Crast
what he thought to be a reasonable
sum for the pecuniary interest he had in
the pauperizing: this is arranged, & Crast is now
entirely detached from everything that w^d.

interfere with his studies. ~~It~~ Had not Mr. Brown
been a man of most agreeable and good
temper, he could not have "got along" with C,
as he has done. It is however very pleasant
to have Brown, & the Crafts, speak in the
most favorable terms of one another.

C is so self-willed, (thinking he knows so
much, while knowing almost nothing) that
but for the allowance we must make for his
early life, & Ellen's invincible good judgment
and confidence in the kindness & soundness
of her advice, I should have been inclined
to let Craft gain a little knowledge from
personal experience. I am a little anxious
still as to how he will go on, but have im-
posed upon him that if he loses the new
friends among whom he is now so fortunate
as to fall, (Lady B. the Luskingtons &c.)
he will never regain his ~~position~~ position.

We have all been greatly pleased with Brown's
conduct in regard to the C's, facilitating their
going to school, & giving them the best advice
on this & every other point. Of Ellen we

cannot speak too highly: she surely is des-
tined for some important mission! Craft
though reserved, is, I am sure, very grateful
to us for our efforts & interest in his behalf.

Do not let these particulars go beyond
the circle who are entitled to know about

the Crafts. they seem reluctant to have their
private concerns talked about. Of course
a notice in the papers of their leaving would
them, & as of the kindness of Lady Byron
& other friends to obtain an education wd
be desirable: I presume too, it is no bad
thing for their hitherto acquiescence to
know how they are noticed here, though
Ellen fears any letters or newspapers sent
to her late corners about them wd only
ensure more cruelty to her Mother.

The Leeds Unit^s have passed on
A. S. Reed^r which they wish to have
advertised in the Chr^s Register, & Ch^s
Press & have written to me to ask the
mode? I shall advise a direct
application to the Editors, with reference
to a house in Boston for payments.
But you must be good enough to watch
the proceedings. Our innocent ^{Leeds} Unit^s
have no idea that the papers wd object
to such an advt. & a refusal, or a shuffle
on their parts as to the insertion, wd do
great good. ^{in drawing the eyes of our friends} If I have a copy of the Adv^t by
next week's mail, you shall have it.

The Leeds people, who are visited & desired
to supply their pulpit, are going to write a
remonstrance to him personally!

My visit to London is being attended by
numerous advantages. I have formed a personal
acquaintance, owing to his request,
with Mr. Grant, D. of the M. A. S. S. C.. He
seems very sincere in his Anti-Slavery feelings, especially
for a newspaper Editor. He has been in the
dark as to abolition. He has been in error
(by mistake I doubt not) with the belief
that Mr. Garrison is a man of most depraved
moral character. I have however time

to discuss Mr. Chapman & A. D. Webb & to
expect he will become a steady ally
of ours. Can you believe it that I
having been at last compelled to notice
the stirring scenes in the religious bodies
(set up by ourselves & opposed to the Anti-Slavery
movement by him) is now actually trying
to claim the merit of having excited it.

I think Mr. Grant now sees thro' him, &
happily as I had the means of telling him
that I could bear the audacity to pretend
to have been instrumental to some of the
Anti-Slavery articles which Grant has off written.

I was very anxious to bring the (crafty)
Soble into contact, & they ^{did so} saw him.

3rd / Brown was afraid lest he wd talk them
over. I was sure there was no danger,
they conversed ^{together} for nearly 2 hours, & I suspected
friend S. found he had caught two Forters.
He condemned the ^{old} ^{only} course of W. L. G. &
the "Am. A. S. Soc." & I imagine found fearful
champions of that Soc. in the C. Capt
^{was much excited and} said, "He is personally considerable," He
invited them to dine with ~~the~~ him, sug-
gesting that it wd be better not to resume
their discussion! To them he professed
great admiration & the highest res-
pect for G's character, objecting only
to his measures, & especially in con-
nection with Parker Pillsbury! I should
much have enjoyed ^{seeing} ~~hearing~~ Ellen
handling him. I fear he is a thoroughly
unprincipled man.

I had more to say, but a delightful
visit from Miss Weston of more than an
hour has curtailed my writing time.
A short letter from Mary to Miss A. W.
Weston is inclosed. pray communicate
to her the contents of this. Our renewed
intercourse with her family brings her
even more strongly than usual to our

minds. We remain another week
still in London. Mary cannot leave
our American friends, & we feel that we
have not been useful here. The "Wonderful
Exhibition" beautiful & interesting
certainly beyond description, (conception
I was going to say,) has taken up ^{but}
little of my ^{time} My daughters & Mrs. Mi-
chell are gone to either & I have pro-
mised to meet them there at 5 O'Clock.

I hope to write a line by the next
post. Kind regards to Mrs. May.
Her pens are in daily use & suit my
unfeminine purposes exactly.

Ever sincerely Yours

J. B. Lathrop.

The Reg. I send is a copy that has
been used about the ship.

My daughter I think is scheming
to stay here till George Thompson's
arrival. -